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# HOMeward BOUND

## Home Incarceration Program (HIP)

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Going home is an adjustment..... make yours easier .

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The Home Incarceration Program (HIP) is a program that was designed to assist the Kentucky Department of Corrections with cost saving measures, while reintegrating offenders back into the community. The offender is required to wear an ankle device while being monitored by a local Probation and Parole officer. The cost savings for fiscal year 2011 were \$2,736,770.00.

HIP began in July, 2005 and was initially only available to offenders who had 60 day of their sentence to serve remaining. In July, 2006, the program expanded to include the jails along with the institutions and the number of days that an offender could participate in HIP increased to 90 days.

Over the last few years, the program has continued to expand and presently an offender can be placed on HIP for up to 9 months.

During FY 2011, there were a total of 1,178 offenders that participated in HIP. Of those 1,178 offenders, 865

(73%) completed HIP successfully, 56 (5%) were sent back due to no violation of their own, 239 (20%) violated with the majority of those violations being drug and/or alcohol related. The additional 18 (2%) offenders continued on the program into FY 2012.

The Home Incarceration Program has proven to be a successful reentry method. It promotes family reunification, allows an offender to gain full time employment, participate in educational and self-help programs, and reduces prison overcrowding. Since offenders are still classified as state incarcerated offenders, they continue to earn meritorious good time towards their sentences. Offenders on HIP are also able to apply for their SSI or disability, if eligible.

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Prodigal Ministries was founded in 1994 by an ex-offender who served a sentence of eight years at the Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange, KY. He observed the high rate of return to prison. It was his dream to help ex-offenders establish themselves in society, resume his family responsibilities, and live a meaningful life. Prodigal Ministries became the outcome of his dream.

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# Justice Reinvestment Program In Jefferson County

Justice Reinvestment is a data driven strategy to increase public safety and reduce crime by engaging local agencies and neighborhood residents in facilitating the successful reintegration of individuals returning to their home communities following release from jail or prison .”

The Kentucky Department of Corrections has partnered with two communities in the Louisville-Metro area to pilot the justice reinvestment efforts. The first to open it’s doors was the Newburg area project with Reverend Roosevelt Lightsey, Jr. as the project coordinator and community liaison. The second pilot is the “Shawnee Project” with Debora McGill serving as the project coordinator/ community liaison. Because this is a multi-pronged approach the JRI projects focus on meeting the individual needs of the returning offender along with addressing the needs identified by residents to promote the revitalization of these two communities.

## Process Goals:

- Improve access to a network of support services (mental health, medical, substance abuse, employment and housing services for individuals released from prison and jail.
- Enhance reentry planning services within Jefferson County area for inmates returning to local neighborhoods
- Identify existing temporary and permanent housing opportunities for released prisoners.
- Reduce barriers to employment and housing for ex-felons.
- Engage community residents in identifying community service opportunities and to provide necessary support and supervision where necessary.

## Impact Goals:

- Reduce parole and probation revocations that now result in a return to prison
- Reduce the recidivism rate for persons returning to the Newburg and Shawnee communities after completing a prison and/or jail sentence.
- Encouragement of personal accountability and civic responsibility
- Nurture an environment of mutual respect between citizens and law enforcement
- Enhance the living experience in the Newburg and Shawnee communities.

## Criteria for the Program

Must be a resident of Newburg or Shawnee neighborhoods returning to the community from prison or jail.

Eligible Zip Codes: 40218, 40219, 40211, 40212, 40213

Must meet eligibility criteria established by Project Team (Please see the attached application)

\*\*\*\*Sex offenders and persons convicted of any crimes against children are excluded\*\*\*\*

PLEASE SEE YOUR REENTRY COORDINATOR OR CASE WORKER FOR FURTHER DETAILS  
AND/OR AN APPLICATION

# Your Institutional Reentry Coordinators



**BCFC**

**BCC**

**EKCC**

**GRCC**

**KCIW**

**KSP**

**LLCC**

**LSCC**

**RCC**

**WKCC**

**NTC**

**KSR**

**MAC**

**OCCC**

**TERRY PARTIN**

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**JESSIE FERGUSON**

**ROBERT JENKINS**

**TOM MORRISTON**

**ADAM NOLES**

**ERNIE ENTRICAN**

**ROBERT TURNER**

**JOHN THORPE**

**LINDA GREEN**

**MICHAEL O'DONNELL**

**ANNA VALENTINE**

**JEFF DEES**

**BRENDA HUNTSMAN**

**JOEY JACOBS**

**EDDIE NEWSOME**





## Qualifying Criteria for HIP

To be reviewed for HIP, an offender must meet the following statutory requirements:

- Must be serving on a Class C or D felony
- Must never have been convicted of a sex crime or violent offense according to the current DOC classification manual
- Have 9 months or less to minimum expiration of sentence.
- Participate in a pre-release planning process.
- No pending felony or misdemeanor charge, detainer warrant or other process issued by a jurisdiction.
- No active domestic violence order or emergency protective order.
- No more than 90 days restorable good time loss outstanding.
- Not be determined guilty of any Category VII disciplinary violation (this includes sexual assault on staff, non-inmate or inmate) within the last five years.
- Have an approved home placement in the state of Kentucky.
- Be classified as Level 1 or 2 custody (these are the two least restrictive custody levels in the Kentucky classification system).

HIP has 9 classification treatment officers (CTOs) that cover the local jail facilities for the state along with a CTO in each institution. Once a list has been compiled of offenders that may be eligible, the officers:

- Review the offenders to see if they qualify based on the guidelines set for HIP.
- The CTOs visit each offender and explain the program and verify whether they have a home placement in Kentucky available to submit.
- The CTO then contacts the home placement to verify information and that the placement is willing to provide a home for the offender.
- Once the home placement has been verified, the CTO submits the plan to Central Office HIP staff .
- Time is audited by Offender Information Services and submitted to the Program Administrator for final approval of the offender.
- Upon approval by the Program Administrator, the placement is submitted to Probation and Parole to investigate on the home placement. Probation and Parole has 10 working days to approve or reject a plan.
- Once Probation and Parole submits the paperwork to Central Office staff the goal is to release the offender within 48 hours. If rejected, we submit the rejection back to the CTO to determine if there is another home placement available.



# Prodigal Ministries, INC.

**By Jennifer Partin, Program & Volunteer Director**

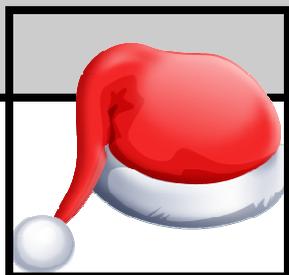
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## **The National Reentry Resource Center**

### **Mission**

The mission of the National Reentry Resource Center is to advance the reentry field through knowledge transfer and dissemination and to promote evidence-based best practices.

Check the “Reentry Facts” at the The National Reentry Resource Center website listed below.



I love the feedback from our clients who have “never thought I would be doing that” stories. Derrick and Cathy never dreamed of having a passport much less going on an overseas mission trip. Brenda never thought she would have a job with medical and dental insurance as well as a retirement fund.

The most recent story is Rob’s. He came to Prodigal one year ago. He worked hard in his recovery, living in community and most importantly renewing his relationship with his son. While incarcerated he entered a program teaching fathers to be real fathers. He continued in a follow-up program when he arrived at the Wright house. One year later he has a home for him and his son. He coached his son’s Upward Basketball team this past season. Rob is a single dad who is breaking the intergenerational “deadbeat dad” cycle. This was Rob’s goal and he has achieved it.

However, his “never thought I would be doing that” story happened during the famous Kentucky Derby weekend. He was asked to transport a group of “important people” who were in town for the Derby festivities. The van and appropriate clothes were provided by the country club. He paid for a haircut. Prior to the weekend he practiced driving the route from the club to Churchill Downs to the private residence. On the first day I received a text from him asking me to pray for the day to go well because he was very nervous. The next text came later in the weekend thanking me for the prayers. I’m sure the guests did not notice his nervousness. They probably saw a very confident, capable, handsome young man and were grateful for his expertise at negotiating the traffic and safely chauffeuring them around to all of the festivities. When it was over, Rob had grown in confidence, trustworthiness and had one of the best “never thought I would be doing that” stories.

Prodigal Ministries  
 Locations:

- Buckner
- Louisville
- Crestwood

## **Objectives of the National Reentry Resource Center**

- Provide a one-stop, interactive source of current, user-friendly reentry information.
- Identify, document, and promote evidence-based practices.
- Deliver individualized, targeted technical assistance to the Second Chance Act grantees.
- Advance the reentry field through training, distance learning, and knowledge development.